

MINUTES
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES,
CONVENED AT
BETHLEHEM CHURCH, POMARIA, S. C.,
ON THE
SIXTEENTH OF OCTOBER, 1863.

The Minutes of the Synodical Missionary Society,

AND OF THE
SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED MINISTERS, ETC.

COLUMBIA :
STEAM-POWER PRESSES OF EVANS & COGSWELL.
1864.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FRIDAY, October 16, 1863.

The Synod convened this morning at 10, A. M., at Bethlehem Church, Pomaria, South Carolina—the inclemency of the weather and the swollen streams having prevented its assembling yesterday, pursuant to the resolution of the last annual meeting.

The President preached the opening sermon, based upon 1 *Tim.* vi, 2; at the close of which the Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Dr. Bachman, when the Secretary proceeded to call the roll, and the following clergymen answered to their names :

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev N. ALDRICH.....Charleston, S. C.
2. “ J. BACHMAN, D.D..... “ “
3. “ J H. BAILEY.....Frog Level, “
4. “ C. F. BANSEMERAugusta, Ga.
5. “ W BERLY.....Lexington, S. C.
6. “ D. M. BLACKWELDER.....Pomaria, “
7. “ T. S. BOINEST “ “
8. “ S. BOUKNIGHT.....Leesville, Lex. district, “
9. “ W S. BOWMAN.....Charleston, “
10. “ E. CAUGHMAN.....West Creek, “
11. “ P DERRICK.....St. Matthew's, “
12. “ J. N. DERRICKGraniteville, “
13. “ Prof. W EICHELBERGER*.....Newberry, “
14. “ J. HAWKINS.....Springfield, Ga.
15. “ B. KREPS*.....Edisto Mills, S. C.
16. “ A. W LINDLERGermanville, “
17. “ J. B. LOWMAN.....Pleasant Springs, “

* Ordained at present meeting.

18. Rev. J. P. MARGARTEufaula, Ala.
19. " A. R. RUDE †.....Columbia, S. C.
20. " Prof. J. M. SCHRECKHISENewberry, "
21. " Prof. J. P. SMELTZER..... " "
22. " J. H. W. WERTZ.....Frog Level, "

LICENTIATES.

1. Rev. A. D. L. MOSER †.....Newberry, S. C.
2. " J. A. SLIGHT †..... " "

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.

1. Rev. A. ANGERER.....Walhalla, S. C.
2. " J. AUSTIN §.....Springfield, Ga.
3. " B. F. BERRY ||.....Cowpen Branch, S. C.
4. " W. A. HOUCK ||.....Orangeburg, "
5. " C. H. BERNHEIM ||.....Ocala, Fla.
6. " E. A. BOLLES ||**.....Orangeburg, S. C.
7. " E. DUFFORD ¶.....In Confederate service.
8. " F. HICKERSON || " "
9. " J. MOSER ||.....Hope Station, S. C.
10. " L. MULLER §.....Charleston, "
11. " M. RAUCH ||Germanville, "
12. " F. WILKEN.....Wartburg, Tenn.

LICENTIATES ABSENT.

1. Rev. S. BAILY ||.....Buford's bridge, S. C.

Members ex officio.

Mr. W. W. HOUSEAL, *Treasurer of Synod.*

Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER, *Treasurer of Seminary.*

Maj. J. P. KINARD, *Treasurer of Widows' Fund.*

† Received at this session.

‡ Received *ad interim* license during present meeting.

§ Appeared after first session.

|| Excused.

** General Agent Confederate Bible Society.

¶ In Confederate army.

The lay delegates next presented their credentials, and were received as members of Synod :

LAY DELEGATES.

S. E. HELMLEY.....	from Ebenezer charge,	Revs. J. Austin and J. Hawkins.
R. G. CHISOLM.....	“ “	Dr. Bachman's charge.
EMANUEL CROMER.....	“ “	J. H. Bailey's “
J. N. HUFFMAN.....	“ “	W Berly's “
J. D. SEASE.....	“ “	B. F. Berry's “
Maj. J. EPTING.....	“ “	D. M. Blackwelder's charge.
G. A. RISER.....	“ “	T. S. Boinest's “
GEO. ADDY.....	“ “	S. Bouknight's “
J. H. GRAMAN.....	“ “	W S. Bowman's “
JACOB BARRE.....	“ “	E. Caughman's “
Capt. J. N. HAIGLER.....	“ “	P Derrick's “
J S. DERRICK.....	“ “	A. W Lindler's “
J. H. SLIGH.....	“ “	J. M. Schreekhise's “
W W HOUSEAL.....	“ “	J. P. Smeltzer's “
GEO. EVERS.....	“ “	C. F. Bansemer's “
JACOB SETZLER.....	“ “	A. D. L. Moser's “
EPHRAIM CROUT.....	“ “	J. H. W Wertz's “
H. C. FRANCK.....	“ “	A. R. Rude's “
Lieut. RICH'D GREGORY..	“ “	B. Kreps' “

Rev. J H. Mengert, corresponding delegate from the Synod of North Carolina, and Rev. D. M. Gilbert, corresponding delegate from the Synod of Georgia, appeared, and were invited to participate in our deliberations.

Rev. A. R. Rude, of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev. J D. Boozer, of the Synod of Mississippi, being present, were invited to seats as advisory members.

The President now read his annual report, which was received and laid upon the table for reference to a committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren :

It has pleased our kind and merciful Father in Heaven to bring us together once more in Synodical Convention. These seasons of holy convocation are peculiarly interesting, inasmuch as they enable those who are engaged in a common cause—clergymen and laymen of the same household of faith—to meet each other face to face; to press the hand of brotherly love; to sympathise with each other in their

trials and temptations; to rejoice together in their successes, and to unite their counsels in devising means for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The past year has been fraught with events involving important interests, both to our Church and our country. We are laboring under the calamities of a war waged against our civil liberties, which continues to rage with increasing magnitude. At the time of our last meeting the prospects of our country assumed a brighter aspect than at present. For some wise purpose, known only to Him who sways the sceptre of universal dominion, a cloud has been permitted to gather over our political sky, and our national cause has been doomed to suffer sad reverses. Among other disasters that have befallen us, permit me to mention the partial success of the enemy against our old and much beloved city. Charleston, the object of their peculiar hatred, is besieged by a formidable force, and some of her important outposts have fallen into their hands. Yet we trust that a kind and merciful God will still protect her against future disasters, and preserve her from becoming a prey to their despotic rule. May her soil never be polluted by the footsteps of a vandal foe!

Still we have cause to be thankful. The fortune of war, in another quarter, has recently turned in our favor, and the exultant hopes of our enemy have been measurably defeated. Our trust must still be in the God of battles, who has permitted us to suffer reverses that we may learn upon whose arm we should depend, and to whom we should call for aid. Having an abiding confidence in the justice and integrity of the cause for which we are contending, let us commit the whole to Him who has promised never to leave nor forsake those who trust in Him, with the full assurance that "*the Judge of all the earth must*" and will "*do right.*"

In common with other denominations, our beloved Zion has been called to mourn the loss of many of her valued members, who have fallen bravely striving for their country's freedom on the bloody battle-field, or as victims of disease contracted in the camp. Though we may drop the tear of sorrow for their departure, we may be consoled by the reflection that they have fallen in a just and noble cause, and "shall in nowise lose their reward."

In the midst of our chastisements God has abundantly blessed the fruits of the land; and, as the attention of our farmers has been directed chiefly to the cultivation of provisions, we may hope that we shall have "bread enough and to spare."

The depreciation of our national currency, together with the spirit of speculation which stalks abroad through the land like a hideous spectre, will have a tendency to oppress the poor, and may, in some measure, affect the financial interests of this body, and the various institutions and benevolent societies connected therewith. The same causes will bear heavily upon our clergy, many of them being men of limited means, and the salaries they receive being insufficient to defray their necessary expenses. This subject demands the prayerful consideration of our Churches, that, while their pastors are laboring to break to them the "bread of life," they and their families may not suffer for a want of the "meat that perisheth."

Since our last meeting Death has again visited our little flock, and has taken one from our number. Our worthy and venerable brother, Rev. E. B. Hort, was removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant on the 15th of January last. For several years his bodily strength was visibly declining, and increasing infirmities prevented his attendance at our last annual convention. Death found him with his armor on, at the post of duty as Pastor of the Church in Columbia, and Chaplain of the Lunatic Asylum. He has left us a bright example of fidelity and perseverance in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

I shall now proceed to render a detailed account of my official acts during the past year, and offer such suggestions as I shall deem worthy of your consideration.

I. OFFICIAL.

1. At the last meeting of the Ministerium Rev. Prof. W. Eichelberger was received as a member of this body, upon condition of his furnishing your presiding officer with a certificate of honorable dismissal from the Synod of Virginia; and, his former license being a limited one, the officers of Synod were authorized to grant him a renewal, extending to the present meeting, provided he should furnish the necessary credentials. I am happy to inform you that this matter has been satisfactorily adjusted, and Prof. Eichelberger is now a regular member of this Synod.

2. Under date of June 6 I received, through Rev. W. A. Houck, the melancholy intelligence that serious charges had been preferred against the moral character of our brother, Rev. H. Stoudenmire. Whereupon I appointed a committee, consisting of the Revs. W. A. Houck, P. Derrick, and T. S. Boinest, to meet at Trinity Church on Wednesday, the 15th of July last, to investigate said charges and report to me immediately. I also summoned the Rev. H. Stoudenmire to appear before said committee and answer to the charges. The parties assembled at the time and place above specified, and their investigation resulted in the conviction of the Rev. H. Stoudenmire, and his suspension from the exercise of all ministerial functions until the present meeting of Synod. The proceedings in this case are herewith transmitted.

3. Under date of June 29 I received a letter from Mr. A. D. L. Moser, a student of the Theological Seminary at Newberry, stating that he was desirous of entering upon the active duties of the ministry, while *continuing his studies in the Seminary* until the completion of the regular course, and requesting an *ad interim* license. His letter enclosed the following resolution of the Board of Directors, viz:

"Whereas, A. D. L. Moser, a student of theology and a conscript in the Confederacy, is desirous of taking charge of a congregation before the completion of his studies, therefore,

"*Resolved by the Board*, That A. D. L. Moser, a student of theology and beneficiary on the funds of Synod, is recommended to the President and Secretary of the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states for *ad interim* license, with the proviso that the said A. D. L. Moser continue his theological studies *at the Seminary* at Newberry until the whole course of studies he completed.

"This action is not to be considered as a precedent, but done under the exigencies of the times."

(Signed)

T. S. BOINEST, *Secretary of the Board.*

Upon the foregoing recommendation I forwarded immediately to Brother Moser the desired certificate.

II. VACANCIES AND SUPPLIES.

1. The Churches at Sandy Run are still vacant. It is to be hoped that these worthy and liberal people may soon be supplied with an able and efficient pastor to break unto them the bread of life.

2. The Church at Ehenczer, Ga., vacated by the death of our lamented Brother Haltiwanger, has been supplied. Rev. J. Hawkins entered upon his pastoral duties there soon after the adjournment of the last Synod.

3. Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of Ocala, Florida, informs me that he has resigned the charge of Luther Chapel. He writes: "The Church *must* be supplied with a pastor, or else the members there will be lost to us." He further states that he has "three other preaching places," that "the Church at Wacahoota is in a flourishing condition, and the audience respectable, but at the other two places the attendance is

small." I propose the reference of a portion of his letter, which is herewith transmitted, to the consideration of the Missionary Society.

4. The Church in Columbia, which was vacated by the death of our lamented Brother Hort, has secured the services of the Rev. A. R. Rude, of the Virginia Synod, who entered upon his pastoral duties there on the 19th of August last.

5. Rev. F. Hickerson, late of Ellisville, Florida, resigned his pastoral charge in the early part of the year, and has since been engaged in breaking the bread of life to those who are nobly defending their country's rights against a just invasion.

6. No other vacancies or ministerial changes have come to my notice.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. It is a subject of congratulation that a General Synod, composed of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the Confederate States, has been organized with great unanimity of sentiment, both as regards a doctrinal basis and general ecclesiastical policy. The report of your delegates to the General Convention will furnish you with the necessary information respecting its organization.

2. The Southern Lutheran, which has now become the property of the General Synod, is a periodical which deserves the increased patronage of the Church. It is a subject of rejoicing that this enterprise, begun under the most unfavorable auspices, has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of its warmest friends, and still continues a welcome visitor to our hearthstones. We should not relax our efforts on its behalf, but continue to contribute liberally to its support until, in the kind providence of God, it is able to rise above all contingencies. The thanks of the Church are due to the Editing Committee for their untiring zeal and energy in the management of this paper.

3. The College and Seminary, as well as the various benevolent societies connected with this Synod, still demand your fostering care.

4. The Bible Society of the Confederate States is an institution in which Christians of all denominations participate. I, therefore, recommend this enterprise to the hearty co-operation of all our Churches.

5. Permit me to bring to your notice a subject of grave importance. In these times of war, when the din of battle is heard in various portions of our Confederacy, and our sons are haring their breasts to the battle's storm, it becomes us to provide for their spiritual comfort and instruction. Scattered, as they are, among the different regiments of the army, it is not often that they receive instruction and advice from a clergyman of their own faith. I, therefore, recommend the appointment of special missionaries, who shall visit the various regiments and minister to the spiritual wants of the sons of our Church.

This subject has received the attention of sister denominations, and has been discussed in the columns of the Southern Lutheran. As the object of any enterprise can be more readily attained by the adoption of a settled system, I propose the appointment of a committee to prepare a plan for the furtherance of this object, and to report as early as possible.

6. The sanctity of the Sabbath is a subject that demands the active co-operation of all ecclesiastical bodies. In our national councils this subject seems to be measurably ignored, as is evident from the fact that railroad trains are most generally run, and the mails are borne to the various sections of our country, on that holy day. Other denominations have taken this subject into consideration, and have adopted resolutions bearing upon this important point. I respectfully recommend that similar measures be adopted by this body.

7. At your last meeting initiatory steps were taken toward the establishment of a Southern Lutheran Book Company. I suggest that at the present meeting you may devise some means that may lead to the completion of the plan.

8. In view of the distracted state of our country, and its consequent effects upon our Church, I recommend that the members of this body assemble at the Church every day, half an hour before the opening of Synod, to supplicate the throne of Grace in behalf of our Church and country, and our loved ones who are enduring the hardships of the camp; and that the citizens generally be invited to participate.

CONCLUSION.

Let us endeavor, by the Divine assistance, to maintain a spirit of brotherly love in discussing the various topics that may be presented to our consideration; let us look to the Divine Mercy-seat for counsel to guide us in all our deliberations, and may all our actions tend to the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom among men.

My term of office has now expired, and I return to you the sacred trust you committed to my hands. Amen.

JOHN P. MARGART, *President.*

Rev. C. F. Bansemer presented the petition of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Augusta, praying to be received into connection with this body. Pending the consideration of this petition, the resolution adopted at a previous meeting, making the Savannah river the dividing line, was reconsidered and rescinded, when the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

An election for officers was now held, which resulted as follows:

Rev. W. BERLY, *President.*

Rev. T. S. BOINEST, *Recording Secretary.*

Rev. J. P. SMELTZER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Mr. W. W. HOUSEAL, *Treasurer of Synod.*

Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER, *Treasurer of Seminary.*

Major. J. P. KINARD, *Treasurer of Widows' Fund.*

It was now resolved that the sessions of Synod commence at 9, A. M., each day, and close at 3, P. M.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, in order to give way to a funeral sermon by Rev. J. Hawkins. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Gilbert.

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING, *October 17.*

Religious exercises were conducted for half an hour previous to the opening of Synod, by Rev. J. Hawkins.

The session of Synod was then opened with prayer by Rev. E. Caughman. Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Rev. L. Muller and Rev. J. Austin appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, Chairman of the Delegation to the General Synod, read their report, which was received and referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. Bansemer, Gilbert, Boinest, and Messrs. Chisolm and Houseal.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, Chairman of the Delegates appointed to attend the Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Confederate States, begs leave to present the following condensed report :

The Convention, composed of delegates from the following Synods, viz : North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Western Virginia, and Georgia—assembled in the Lutheran Church at Concord, N. C., May 20, and was opened in the usual form. After a fraternal exchange of views, the Convention resolved itself into The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Confederate States of America.

The most important of its transactions, deserving the attention of this Synod, are the following :

1. The adoption of the doctrinal platform. As such was received, first, the Scriptures of revealed truth ; and, secondly, the Augsburg Confession ; thirdly, an article allowing the full and free exercise of private judgment in regard to those articles of the Confession concerning which it is historically established that a difference of opinion has always obtained in the Church.

2. The Constitution. This is mainly that of the old General Synod, the only essential difference being that judicatory power was conferred.

3. Liturgical service, having for its object greater conformity to the historical usage, as also greater uniformity in the worship of the Church, was adopted.

4. A new translation of the Catechism received Synodical sanction.

5. A new collection of Hymns also.

6. A committee was appointed to prepare for the Church a Book of Worship—such book to serve for all the purposes of public and private devotion.

7. It was determined to hold annual Conventions, and the next at such time and place as the President shall elect.

8. It was ordered that collections be taken up in all the Churches for the funds of the General Synod.

It affords your Chairman unqualified satisfaction to state to this body that the sessions were characterized by a spirit of brotherly love, attentive regards for the views and feelings of each member present, and an earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Church, the good of souls, and the honor and glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN, *Chairman.*

Rev. P. Derrick presented the verbal excuse of Rev. W. A. Houck—severe family affliction—as the reason of his absence, and, on motion, he was excused.

Rev. L. Muller presented his excuse for not attending the last meeting of the Synod, and it was accepted; as also was that of Rev. C. F. Bansemer.

Rev. W. A. Houck was excused for not attending the meeting of the North Carolina Synod, and Revs. Berly and Hawkins, principal and alternate, delegates to the Synod of Georgia.

The President now announced the following committees:

1. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. Bailey and Lindler.
 2. *On President's Address*—Revs. Smeltzer and Dr. Baehman, and Mr. R. G. Chisolm.

3. *On Letters*—Revs. Hawkins and Wertz.

4. *On State of Religion*—Revs. Bansemer and Blackwelder.

5. *On Synodical Fund*—Messrs. Schirmer and Huffman.

6. *On Seminary Fund*—Messrs. Chisolm and Franck.

7. *On Widows' Fund*—Messrs. Houseal and Haigler.

8. *On Memoirs*—Revs. Dr. Baehman and Aldrich.

Rev. Professor Smeltzer made report of the Committee on the Joint Stock Company, which was received.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STOCK COMPANY.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to take charge of the funds of the Joint Stock Company beg leave to report:

Your Committee had blank certificates and bonds prepared, and opened their books immediately after Synod adjourned.

Shares taken..... 27½—\$2,750 00

Paid cash..... 10½— 1,050 00

Bonds..... \$1,700 00

The bonds bear interest from January 1, 1863, and one thousand dollars in hand have been put at 7.30 interest from January 1, 1863.

There are many others who have expressed a desire to take shares, but as yet have not done so.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
Chairman.

Parochial reports were called for, and in connection with them the pastors read their narratives on the State of Religion, which were afterwards handed to the Committee charged with this subject.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	MEMBERS RECEIVED BY										DISMISSIONS.			DEATH OF MEMBERS.			PRAYER MEETINGS.			SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.				BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.	SUBSCRIBERS TO LUTHERAN.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	INFANTS BAPTIZED.		BAPTISM.				CONFIRMATION.		CERTIFICATE.		Colored.	White.	Colored.	Adult.	Infants.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Synod.	Missionary Society.	Other Societies.	Local Objects.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
CONGREGATIONS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder.....	2	20	22	0	16	11	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Several Pastors have made no report.

Collections for the Synodical Treasury were called for, and are as follows :

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Paul Derrick's charge—	
St. Matthew's at Mount Lebanon.....	\$58 90
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge—	
Pine Grove.....	\$28 00
Trinity.....	26 00—54 00
Rev. J. N. Derrick's charge—	
St. James'.....	12 00
Rev. A. D. L. Moser's charge—	
Mount Zion	10 00
Rev. S. Bouknight's charge—	
St. Mark's.....	15 90
Macedonia	12 00
Trinity	8 18—36 08
Rev. J. H. Bailey's charge—	
St. Matthew's	15 15
Liberty Hill.....	21 30
Colony.....	19 10—55 55
Rev. E. Caughman's charge—	
Good Hope.....	3 00
Nazareth.....	5 00— 8 00
Rev. A. W. Lindler's charge—	
Mount Zion	1 05
St. John's.....	10 00—11 05
Rev. A. R. Rude's charge—	
Ebenezer, Columbia.....	30 00
Rev. Prof. J. M. Schreckhise—	
Beth Eden	10 00
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge—	
Mount Pleasant.....	8 30
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz's charge—	
Corinth	10 25
Salem.....	4 25
Union Church	4 85—19 35
Rev. W. Eichelberger's charge—	
Newville Church.....	5 00
Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer—	
Luther Chapel	20 00
Rev. B. Kreps' charge—	
Mount Calvary	4 00
Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge—	
Morris street Church, Charleston	25 00
Revs. Austin and Hawkins' charge—	
Ebenezer, Georgia.....	43 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman's charge—	
Bethel Church.....	33 25
St. Peter's.....	8 85
St. David's	10 00—52 10

Rev. D. M. Blackwelder's charge—	
St Michael's.....	44 00
St. Paul's	33 60—77 60
Rev. W. Berly's charge—	
St. Andrew's	11 30
St. Stephen's	15 00—26 30
Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge—	
St. John's, Charleston	56 00
Female Lutheran Society	24 00—80 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge—	
Bethlehem	88 75
St. Luke's.....	21 70
St. John's.....	23 80—134 25
Mr. Jas. A. Welch, \$1; Mr. George Jenny, \$2.....	3 00
Total.....	
\$779 48	

Professor Smeltzer read the report of the Committee on the President's Address, which was taken up by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the President's Report would beg leave to present the following:

After stating that, during the past synodical year, the country has been engaged in a war of independence, that Charleston has been and is besieged by a vandal foe, that the depreciation of the national currency is exerting its deleterious effects, and that extortion and speculation are producing suffering and distress, the President presents the report of his official duties. A touching reference to the death of the Rev. E. B. Hort, a beloved brother and member of this Synod, is found in the report. As customary, your Committee recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to report on his death at this meeting of Synod.

2. Reference was made in the report to a serious charge preferred against the moral character of a member of Synod. According to the Constitution, your Committee would refer this matter to the action of the Ministerium.

3. The next item is the *ad interim* license which the President, upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, gave to the Rev. A. D. L. Moser. Your Committee, in reference to this item, would offer the following:

Resolved, That the action of the President, in giving Rev. A. D. L. Moser *ad interim* license, be sustained.

4. In reference to the vacant charges named in this report, your Committee approve of the suggestion of the President to refer this matter to the consideration of the Missionary Society.

5. The President calls the notice of this body to the harmonious meeting of the General Synod. Your Committee recommend that this subject be referred to the Committee appointed upon the report of delegates to General Synod.

6. The sixth item in the President's report has reference to the Southern Lutheran. As the paper is now the property of the General Synod, your Committee can only recommend that untiring and immediate efforts be made by the ministers and people of this Synod in securing subscriptions and donations.

7. The Bible Society of the Confederate States is alluded to in the report. Your Committee offer the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, the distribution of the Word of God is ever attended with wholesome results; therefore,

Resolved, That the Bible Society of the Confederate States be recommended to the hearty co-operation of our ministers and people.

8. The President brings to notice a subject of grave importance, viz : Army Missions. As this subject demands our attention, your Committee offer the following :

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, heartily commend the efforts being made by the Churches in connection with this body to establish a General Army Missionary Fund.

Resolved, That the Committee now acting in behalf of the Church generally meets with our entire sanction.

Resolved, That we invite the co-operation of sister Synods in this important work.

9. The desecration of the Sabbath is another item mentioned in the President's report. Your Committee would recommend that a Committee, consisting of one, be appointed to present this subject, in its proper form, to this body before its final adjournment.

10. Lastly—The Lutheran Joint Stock Company is also noticed in the report. Your Committee refer this subject to the Committee already appointed by this body at its last meeting.

Your President concludes with the desire that all our deliberations shall be conducted in harmony, and shall have reference to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
JNO. BACHMAN,
R. G. CHISOLM.

Committee under item No. 8—Revs. A. R. Rude and G. D. Bernheim, and Mr. R. G. Chisolm.

Under item No. 9, Rev. W S. Bowman was appointed.

Synod now adjourned to Monday morning, 9, A. M., in order to allow the Missionary Society to meet. Prayer by Rev J. H. Bailey.

At night Rev. P Derriek preached from Luke xvi, 31.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Devotional exercises were commenced in the Church at 9, A. M., conducted by Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.

At 10 o'clock Rev. W S. Bowman preached to a large and attentive audience, from 2 *Thess.* i, 12. Rev. D. M. Gilbert, delegate from the Georgia Synod, followed in a discourse based upon *Hebrews* xii, 24.

A large number of the followers of the Redeemer, of different denominations, then united with the members of Synod in commemorating the dying love of the blessed Saviour, the elements being consecrated by the venerable Dr. Bachman.

In the evening Rev. J. H. Mengert, delegate from the Synod of North Carolina, preached from 2 *Peter* i, 20-21.

Thus closed the exercises of the holy Sabbath, to the comfort, edification, and strengthening of God's people.

THIRD SESSION

MONDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted for a half hour preceding the session of Synod by Rev. S. Bouknight, and the business of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Caughman.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed, when an election was entered into for members of the Board of Directors of Seminary whose term expired. Messrs. Addy and Sease were appointed tellers, and upon counting the ballots they announced Revs. Rude and Boimest, and Messrs. Gallman and Houseal, elected. The Board is now classified as follows :

<i>Class of 1861.</i>	<i>Class of 1862.</i>	<i>Class of 1863.</i>
Rev. D. M. BLACKWELDER.	Rev. Dr. BACHMAN.	Rev. A. R. RUDE.*
Rev. W. S. BOWMAN.	Rev. S. BOUKNIGHT.	Rev. T. S. BOINEST.
Capt. J. P. AULL.	Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER.	Mr. H. GALLMAN.
Capt. W. K. BACHMAN.	Dr. G. MULLER.	Mr. W. W. HOUSEAL.

Elected by North Carolina Synod, Rev. J. H. MENGERT.

The election for delegate to the Synod of North Carolina, Messrs. Evers and Haigler acting as tellers, resulted in choice of Rev. J. N. Derrick, principal, and Rev. E. Caughman, alternate.

Rev T. S. Boimest was elected corresponding delegate to the Georgia Synod, and Rev. A. R. Rude his alternate.

The following brethren were excused from further attendance after to-day's session, viz : J. N. Huffman, Jacob Barre, Ephraim Crout, W W Houseal, and H. C. Franck.

Messrs. J. Barre and J. S. Derrick were appointed tellers to

* In place of Rev. E. B. Hort, deceased.

collect the votes for Trustees of Newberry College, which balloting resulted as follows :

Rev. Dr. BACHMAN.	Dr. G. MULLER.	Dr. O. B. MAYER.
" A. R. RUDE.*	W. K. BACHMAN.	Gen. A. C. GARLINGTON.
" T. S. BOINEST.	J. K. SCHUMPERT.	Col. S. FAIR.
" D. M. BLACKWELDER.	Capt. J. P. AULL.	Maj. J. P. KINARD.
" W. S. BOWMAN.	Maj. H. SUMMER.	S. JOHNSTONE.
" S. BOUKNIGHT.	N. A. HUNTER.	L. J. JONES.

Maj. Epting and Lieut. Gregory reported the result of the election for delegates to the General Synod to be as follows :

<i>Principals.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Rev. Dr. BACHMAN.	Rev. A. R. RUDE.
" J. P. SMELTZER.	" D. M. BLACKWELDER.
" T. S. BOINEST.	" S. BOUKNIGHT.
" W. BERLY.	" J. P. MARGART.
Mr. R. G. CHISOLM.	Dr. O. B. MAYER.
Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER.	Dr. G. MULLER.
Mr. J. J. DREHER.	Mr. J. BARRE.
Mr. H. C. FRANCK.	Maj. J. P. KINARD.

Maj. H. Summer read the report of the Trustees of Newberry College, prefacing it with suitable remarks. The report was received, and the following resolution in reference thereto adopted :

Resolved, That Major Summer be requested to prepare his remarks, prefatory to his report on Newberry College, for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states :

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Newberry College submits the following report:

That the College, at the beginning of the session of 1862, in October last, opened with a respectable number of students, and the condition of the institution at that time was stated to your body at your last annual meeting. From that time the number of students gradually increased, till the number on the College roll was about eighty-one, and the average regular attendance was about fifty-five. For any further information as to the number of students and state of the College, except as contained in this report, your body is referred to the President of the College.

Shortly after the annual meeting of this Board, in January last, Rev. E. B. Hort, of Columbia, a member of this Board, departed this life; and the Board, in testimony of his worth and faithful discharge of his duties as a member of this body, passed a suitable tribute to his memory, which was published in the "Southern Lutheran," with an abstract of the proceedings of the Board. The Synod will have to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death.

In consequence of the serious illness of Prof. Garlington's wife he was not able to attend to the duties of his professorship, and an arrangement was made with the Secretary of this Board by which he attended to recitations in Latin, History, and lessons in Composition and Rhetoric, during the afternoon of each teaching day.

* In place of Rev. E. B. Hort, deceased.

These recitations were taken from the Primary and Preparatory departments, and the studies in Prof. Garlington's department were attended by the other Professors and the President. By this arrangement no recitations or studies were neglected, but all received the proper attention. The Secretary attended to these duties about two months and a half, extending from the 23d or 24th of March to the close of the session in June last.

The Faculty and Standing Committee were compelled to make some examples for violations of the rules of the College and the Preparatory department. This was done with impartiality, so far as the Faculty and Standing Committee had the means of judging. Order must be enforced in all institutions; the laws are made to be obeyed; if they are permitted to be violated, anarchy, and insubordination, and misrule, will prevail to the destruction of all that is virtuous and good.

The number of students in attendance at the opening of the exercises of the College this fall, and Preparatory and Primary departments this fall, was about thirty-five, and the prospect of a goodly number is flattering. The only drawback to this is the high price of board—\$40 per month.

It is surely a gratifying source of pleasure to your Synod that the institution under your fostering care has been enabled to go on giving instruction to those pupils in attendance under eighteen years of age. The desolations of this war are not only confined to the scenes of the camp and battle-field, but they enter the houses, and schools, and churches of our land, and are keenly felt there. No one can tell how much the educational interests of the male sex of our Southern country will suffer by this war. But we ought to count the achievement of our independence worthy of all the trials and sufferings we shall endure. Let us take courage and put our hope in God, while we send our men to the battle-field to meet the foe; and let those who are at home do all they can to sustain every enterprise for the good of the soldier and the people at large.

Let this Synod cherish this College as the apple of their eye; let it be kept up and in operation. This is the surest means of success. It is scarcely possible to estimate the importance of the continuance of the exercises of the College through such troublous times and severe trials as those under which our country now labors. By a constant encouragement, and unrelaxing efforts on the part of the friends of this College, it will be built up and placed on a sure foundation, and when peace shall bless our borders we may confidently hope, with the blessing of Heaven, for a long, and bright, and prosperous future for Newberry College.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SUMMER, *Secretary of Board.*

October 12, 1863.

Synod now took a recess to give place to divine service, when Rev. N. Aldrich preached from *Micah* ii, 10.

Upon resuming business, the Corresponding Secretary read his report, which was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The documents that came into the hands of your Secretary are the following:

1. Minutes of Synod of North Carolina. This body convened in St. Mark's, Charlotte, April 30, 1863. The officers are:

Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM, *President.*

Rev. L. A. BIKLE, *Recording Secretary.*

Rev. J. S. HEILIG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Maj. L. G. HEILIG, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. H. Mengert was chosen Director of Theological Seminary.

A resolution was passed directing the payment of a certain amount of money to the Treasurer of Theological Seminary.

2. Minutes of the Synod of Western Virginia. This body convened in Newport. Giles county, Virginia, August 15, 1862. The officers are :

Rev. J. A. BROWN, *President*.

Rev. JOHN G. FREY, *Secretary*.

Rev. STEPHEN RHUDY, *Treasurer*.

A charge is brought against Rev. Hickerson, which your Secretary refers to the Ministerium, as the brother is now a member of the Synod.

3. Minutes of the Synod of Georgia. This body convened at Mt. Pilgrim Church, Coweta county, Georgia, November 15, 1862. Its officers are :

Rev. L. BEDENBAUGH, *President*.

Rev. J. D. BOWLES, *Secretary*.

Capt. WM. TAYLOR, *Treasurer*.

A resolution was passed recommending the institution at Newberry to the support of their people.

4. Minutes of Virginia Synod. This body convened at Lebanon Church, Virginia, October 23, 1862. Its officers are :

Rev. L. KELLER, *President*.

Rev. D. M. GILBERT, *Secretary*.

Rev. J. D. SHIREY, *Treasurer*.

5. Minutes of the Holston Synod. This body convened at Miller's Church, Knox county, Tennessee, October 23, 1862. Its officers are :

Rev. J. M. SHAFFER, *President*.

Rev. J. C. BARB, *Secretary*.

Rev. J. K. HANCHER, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER.

Rev. Wertz read the report of the Committee on Letters, etc., which was received, considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim was also excused.

The Committee on Letters and Excuses beg leave to submit the following :

1. A letter from Rev. J. Moser, assigning old age and indisposition as his excuse for non-attendance. We hope he will be excused.

2. Is a letter stating that Rev. E. A. Bolles is too unwell to attend our session of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

3. The excuse of Rev. S. Baily is the illness of his family. We hope the Synod will excuse him. He states he has been supplying a Church left vacant by Rev. H. Stoudenmire, and asks for a renewal of his license.

4. Maj. J. P. Kinard, in a letter to Synod, tenders his resignation as Treasurer of Widows' Fund. He sends a liberal contribution to our Army Mission, and expresses a willingness to contribute still more, if necessary.

5. Mrs. Ring, of Newberry, asks for a continuation of aid from the Widows' Fund.

6. Your Committee also recommend the excuse of Rev. M. Rauch, who is unable to attend our meetings.

J. HAWKINS,

J. H. W. WERTZ.

Item 3d was referred to the Ministerium, and item 4th was received as information, and Maj. Kinard was requested to continue.

W W Houseal read the report of the Committee on the Widows' Fund, which was received and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Widows' Fund beg leave to report: That the Treasurer is absent, and having sent no account, the Committee can therefore make no report. The Committee would urge upon the Treasurer the importance of making annual reports to this body of the state of this fund.

Mrs. F. C. Ring has made written application for aid, and we recommend that the Synod make some provision for her relief. The Committee know of no other application.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HOUSEAL,
J. N. HAIGLER.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund be earnestly requested to present the Synod, at its next meeting, with a report of the funds now in his hands.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay Mrs. Ring, Mrs. Cloy, and Mrs. Leppard, fifty dollars each, for the current year.

Rev. Dr. Bachman read the following memoir of Rev. E. B. Hort, which was adopted by the whole Synod, standing and in silence :

MEMOIR OF REV ELIAS B. HORT.

Among the afflicting dispensations of Providence, during the past synodical year, we have to record the death of the Rev. Elias B. Hort, an aged and beloved minister of our Church. He was the son of Elias Hort, who, during the Revolutionary war, and many years afterward, was Treasurer of the State of South Carolina, and received the thanks of the legislature for the fidelity with which he had performed his public duties.

Mr. Hort, the subject of this memoir, was born in Christ Church parish, in the vicinity of Charleston. He received a good English and classical, but not collegiate, education. He became a mechanic and machinist by profession. A series of severe and unhappy family trials, in which he was free from censure, destroyed all his hopes of domestic happiness, and he sought the advice and consolation of the aged pastor who pens these lines, and would sooner have expected this tribute from him. Religion became the subject of all his thoughts and desires. He found peace of mind through the merits of his divine Redeemer. He united himself with our Church. He was not satisfied to be a private member, but sought to impart to others that peace which he himself had obtained. He became a student of theology under the care and instruction of the pastor who had received him into the Church. He was licensed by this Synod, and took charge of the Church at Columbia. He at the same time performed the duties of Chaplain of the Lunatic Asylum of that place, and his services afforded great satisfaction to the unfortunate inmates of that institution.

He served the congregation of Columbia twenty years. His congregation was

small in the beginning, and did not increase according to his wishes. Yet the fault was not in him. His duties were most faithfully discharged, and his whole walk and conversation was most exemplary. He faithfully served in various offices in the Synod, and was at one time its presiding officer. The characteristics of his mind were conscientiousness—a devoted attachment to his friends. He earnestly and prayerfully sought to know his duty, and then labored to perform it to the best of his ability. His illness continued three months, when on the 14th of January, 1863, he departed in peace with all men, and with an assured hope of a bright reward at God's right hand, through the mercies of a Redeemer. Let us imitate his virtues, and cherish his memory.

Report of Ebenezer Church, Columbia, to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states.

COLUMBIA, October 14, 1863.

Rev. E. B. Hort, pastor of this church, was taken sick in September, 1862. His health had been feeble for some time back. In October he was unable to attend to any of his pastoral duties, and became bed-ridden. His physicians hoped to save his life, but he was called by the angel of death on the 14th of January, 1863, and permitted to join the angelic choir where pain and sorrow are no more. He was buried on the 16th of January, in the Lutheran graveyard, near the chancel, from which he had preached full twenty years, but, we regret to say, to a small congregation.

Our Church has been in a state of decline for several years past. To what cause to attribute this we are unable to decide; yet it would be ungrateful to ascribe it to our deceased pastor, for "he did all he could." His memory will be dear in the hearts of the few who flocked, at the call of the church bell, to the house of God, and listened to his many earnest appeals to come to Jesus. May he rest in peace, and find in Heaven that reward which was withheld from him while here on earth.

The Vestry was sorely perplexed how to obtain another minister, and how to fill the pulpit on every Sabbath. With some difficulty we succeeded in having services on every Sunday. Rev. C. F. Bansemer, from Walhalla, applied to the Vestry for the pastorate, and being duly elected, without a dissenting vote, we expected his coming to Columbia with some degree of anxiety; yet he failed to come, although he had accepted the call. We learn that he has accepted a call to Augusta, Georgia.

We were again compelled to beg ministers of other denominations to preach for us, until at last Rev. Dr. Bachman lent us his kind aid, and through his influence we were enabled to secure Rev. A. R. Rude as a pastor of our church.

We can not close this report without mentioning that we have received material spiritual aid from the Professors of Newberry College, and many other Lutheran ministers, as well as from ministers of other denominations. May they all meet with that reward which we, as the recipients of their kindness, wish them from all our hearts.

THE VESTRY OF EBENEZER CHURCH, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Resolved, That the report of the officers of the church in Columbia be published immediately succeeding the memoir.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of the above memoir for publication in the Lutheran.

The Committee on Unfinished Business read their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the minutes of the last session of Synod, and find nothing claiming their attention as unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BAILEY,
A. W. LINDLER.

Mr. Chisolm made the report of the Committee on the Seminary Fund. Received and adopted.

Dr. Theological Seminary of Lutheran Synod in account with JACOB F. SCHIRMER, Treasurer. Cr.

1863.	January...	Paid Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.....	\$375 00	1862.	October...	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 82 59
April.....	" "	" " ".....	375 00	December.	Received Haliwanger's bond in full.....	400 00	
July.....	" "	" " ".....	375 00	" "	Interest on the same.....	31 50	
October...	" "	" " ".....	375 00	1863.			
June.....	" "	For Confederate 7 per cent. bonds.....	4,500 00	June.....	Squier's bond in full.....	1,000 00	
April.....	" "	Deposited in Savings Institute.....	500 00	" "	Interest due on the same.....	109 12	
" "	" "	Incidental expenses past year.....	6 00	May.....	Holland's bond in full.....	1,500 00	
		Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	187 61	" "	Interest due on the same.....	105 00	
				January..	Interest on J. H. C.'s bond to February, 1862.....	101 43	
				July.....	1 year's interest on A. E. M.'s bond to 14th of May last..	105 00	
				January..	1/2 " " on Ferman's bond to 11th of November..	14 00	
				May.....	On account of Ferman's bond.....	200 00	
				July.....	" " ".....	100 00	
				March.....	Interest on estate R. S.'s bond to 10th of April, 1862.....	295 00	
				" "	Stevens' bond in full.....	250 00	
				" "	Interest on the same.....	17 50	
				" "	Cammer's bond in full.....	400 00	
				" "	Interest on the same.....	14 00	
				April.....	1/2 year's interest on South Carolina Railroad bond.....	87 50	
				" "	1/2 " " from Savings Institution.....	129 17	
				" "	1/2 " City 6 per cent., January and April.....	9 00	
				May.....	Rabb's bond in full.....	139 00	
				" "	Interest on the same.....	26 70	
				" "	Kalb's bond in full.....	401 23	
				" "	Interest on the same.....	24 92	
				July.....	1 year's dividend for Bank of Charleston.....	525 00	
				" "	1 " " for Bridge Company.....	72 00	
				" "	1 " interest on C. Beck's bond to 2d inst.....	280 00	
				September.	Interest on Confederate bonds.....	58 95	
				" "	On account of Harmon's bond.....	108 53	
				" "	Interest on the same.....	106 47	
						\$ 6,693 61	
1863.	October...	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$187 61				

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

Personal bonds.....	\$11,870 66
Five South Carolina Railroad bonds.....	2,500 00
Fifty half shares in Bank of Charleston.....	2,500 00
Six shares Columbia Bridge Company.....	600 00
City of Charleston 6 per cent. stock.....	300 00
On deposit in Savings Institution.....	\$5,542 53
October, 1862 and 1863, dividend not drawn, now principal..	267 75—5,810 28
Confederate 7 per cent. bonds.....	4,500 00
	<hr/>
	\$28,080 94

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjaocent states report: That they have examined the same, and found it correct, and payments properly vouched. The supplementary statement is appended to the accounts, showing the amount to be \$28,080 94 in bonds and other investmonts. Your Committeo would respectfully suggest that the bonds of the South Carolina Railroad Company, amounting to \$2,500, redeemable 1st instant, remain uncollected, as perhaps a safer investment for said institution than any other that can at present be made, except at a very high premium. Many persons are now seeking just such securities for investments, though on this, of course, no interest could accrue. Your Committee would further recommend that some steps be taken to collect both principal and interest of bonds of small amounts, say \$100 and \$200, upon which the interest has not been paid since 1858 and 1860. Also, some information be obtained relative to a bond of J. Lown, deceased, for \$500, which was placed in hands of W. K. Bachman, Esq., for collection.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. CHISOLM,
H. C. FRANCK.

The report of the Committee on the Synodical Fund was read by Mr. Schirmer. Received and adopted.

Dr. **Wm. W. HOUSEAL** in account with the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states.** **Cr.**

1862. Nov. 2..	Amount of bonds, notes, and cash on hand, rising of Synod.....	\$2,461 49	1862. October 29..	Paid Rev. T. S. Boinest.....	\$ 2 50
"	Amount received at Synod.....	385 22	December 19. 1863.	" A. D. L. Moser (ben.).....	25 00
1863. April 15.	Interest received.....	34 80	November 14	" A. D. L. Moser, "	25 00
			April 25....	" A. D. L. Moser, "	25 00
			" "	" J. A. Sligh, "	75 00
			June 20.....	" A. D. L. Moser, "	25 00
			" 22.....	" Evans & Cogswell.....	254 50
				Balance in notes.....	\$432 00
				Interest-bearing Treasury notes.....	\$1,347 76
				Cash.....	1,000 00
					101 75
					2,449 51
					\$2,881 51

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod beg leave respectfully to report: That they have discharged the duty assigned them; that the account was found correct, and vouchers produced for the payments made. Your Committee report that there are in hands of the Treasurer \$1,000 in interest-bearing Treasury notes, and \$1,347 76 in thirteen personal notes, some of them very small amounts, and on scarcely any of them has any interest been paid for many years, and on a few no interest since the loans have been made. Your Committee regret exceedingly this state of things, and would recommend that the Treasurer be instructed, during the ensuing year, to notify the parties now indebted that at least the interest must be paid up in full, and that he furnish to the Synod, at the next meeting, a list of all those notes, together with what principal and interest may be due on the same, so that they may be inserted in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB F. SCHIRMER, } Committee.
J. N. HUFFMAN,

October 19, 1863.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to comply with the recommendation of the Committee at as early a day as possible.

Revs. L. Muller, J. M. Schreckhise, and J. H. Bailey, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day; also Major George Evers.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. Eichelberger.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Rev. E. Caughman conducted the devotional exercises, and the business session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Hawkins. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read, amended, and confirmed; and Rev. C. F. Bansemer, from the Committee to whom was referred the report of the delegates to the General Synod, read the following:

REPORT ON THE REPORT OF OUR DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee to whom the report of our delegation to the General Synod was referred beg leave to suggest that our Synod sanction the action of our delegates.

C. F. BANSEMER,
T. S. BOINEST.

Received and adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. H. W. Wertz, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the congregation of Bethlehem Church, Newberry district, and to the citizens of the vicinity, for the kind hospitality received at their hands during our present meeting, and that they be tendered immediately after divine service.

The Board of Directors of the Seminary asked and obtained leave to withdraw, in order to have a meeting.

Resolved, That the next annual Convention of this Synod be held (D. V.) at Beth Eden Church, Newberry district, commencing on the thirteenth day of October, 1864.

Resolved, That the Secretary have fifteen hundred copies of the minutes of the present meeting published, and distribute them in proportion to the communicants within our bounds.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society be allowed to publish their minutes in connection with ours.

On motion of Mr. R. G. Chisolm, it was

Resolved, That the interest accruing from stock taken in Southern Book Company be turned over to Southern Lutheran.

Revs. J. Austin and J. Hawkins asked and obtained permission to withdraw from this body, with a view to connecting themselves with the Synod of Georgia.

Rev. N. Aldrich read the report of the Editing Committee of the Southern Lutheran :

REPORT OF THE EDITING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN LUTHERAN.

The Editing Committee of the Southern Lutheran would respectfully report that, since the last meeting of this Synod, the General Synod of the Confederate States has been organized, and the paper, as by agreement, transferred to that body.

But although this is the case, it is earnestly hoped there will be no depreciation of interest on the part of the members of this Synod in this highly important enterprise. The fact that it is now the property of the General Synod by no means lessens our obligations, as a component part of that body, to do all we can toward the perpetuity and permanent establishment of this, its recognized organ.

It will be remembered that this paper is the child of adversity. It came into existence in the midst of war and tumult, and at a time when other religious journals were being suspended for want of means to continue their publication, and yet, under the blessing of God, it has survived to this day—not, however, from the amount obtained in the way of annual subscriptions, but from the liberality of its friends. When the notice was given that it was about to be suspended from the want of means to continue its publication, a wide-spread sympathy was awakened in its behalf, and hundreds of dollars, in the way of voluntary offerings, were contributed to its support. These amounts, however, only afforded temporary relief, and its necessi-

ties at the present moment are just as great as at the beginning. It is true, its subscription book presents a goodly array of names as annual subscribers, but these subscriptions do not, by several thousand dollars, cover its expenses.

If it be asked how is this? we reply that the price of subscription is much less than it ought to be, and the Committee have no authority to increase it. When the paper was first published the Committee hoped that the war, which had just commenced, would be of short duration; and, acting upon this conviction, they fixed the price of subscription but a trifle higher than it would have been in peace times. The Committee, however, have found themselves sadly deceived; the war has been protracted far beyond all human expectation, and with it the expenses of the paper have been steadily upon the increase, until an income of ten thousand dollars is now required to publish an edition sufficiently large to meet the wants of the Church and the army. To give some idea of the increased expenses of the paper, we would merely state that, when it first appeared, the price of paper was ten dollars per bundle, but we have now to pay from twenty-five to thirty dollars per ream, and still it continues to increase in price. If, under these circumstances, the contributions of the Church are withheld, the paper must inevitably be suspended in a very few weeks, and with its suspension all the benevolent schemes of the Church will be completely prostrated. It is useless to talk of Army Missions, or any other mission, without a Church paper to furnish the information needed to keep alive an interest in such important benevolent schemes—the success of the one depends upon the perpetuity of the other.

We mention these facts to show the necessity of increased effort on the part of the Church to sustain this enterprise until the next meeting of our General Synod, when it is hoped that some plan will be devised which will preclude the necessity of any further appeal for voluntary aid.

N. ALDRICH,

In behalf of Editing Committee.

Synod now took a recess for divine service. Rev. Prof. Smeltzer introduced the services, and Rev. A. R. Rude preached the ordination sermon from 2 Cor. ii, 16, when Revs. W. Eichelberger and B. Kreps were, by the solemn imposition of hands, set apart to the Gospel ministry. The President, assisted by Revs. Dr. Bachman, Bowman, Smeltzer, and Boinest, performed the ordination, and all the ordained ministers present gave the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Dr. Bachman returned the thanks of the Synod to the congregation and citizens of the vicinity for their generous hospitality to its members.

Synod resumed business; and, on motion of Mr. Schirmer, it was

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to address the several Synods in connection with the General Synod, laying before them the present financial condition of the Southern Lutheran, making an urgent appeal in behalf of its support by donations, until the General Synod may be able to make arrangements for its permanent support.

Resolved, That the Editing Committee of the Southern Lutheran be requested to urge the present claims of the paper upon our people, stating also that a proposition has been made that at least one hundred members of the Church at large be earnestly requested to come forward and subscribe one hundred dollars each to its support; said amount may be paid in, if more convenient, in monthly instalments, which will then enable the paper to be sustained.

On motion of Prof. Smeltzer,

Resolved, That every minister and layman of this Synod considers himself under obligation to use immediate and untiring efforts to sustain the Southern Lutheran to the utmost of his endeavors and ability.

Resolved, That this resolution be appended to the appeal to be made in the Southern Lutheran.

Rev. C. F. Bansemer read the following report on the State of Religion, which, on motion, was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Southern Lutheran :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

After a careful examination of the different reports referred to us, your Committee submit the following summary:

While we are not elated by any special or extraordinary success attending the labors of our ministry during the last year, yet we are happy to state that there is no ground for despondency. Amid the strife of battle, mourning the loss of many of her best members, excited by daily reports of aggression and desolation, and tempted to covetousness by prevailing speculation, the Church still remains true to her high calling, and gives cheering evidence of ever securing God as her portion and deliverer.

To escape the grasp of a relentless foe, many of our Church members have been compelled to leave their homes and seek an asylum in the interior of the state. But the loss of our city congregations, on account of this migration, has been the gain of our churches in the country. The cheerfulness with which these refugees give up their home and their all, the patience with which they submit to the unjust exactions of heartless extortioners, the silent resignation with which they meet the frown of indifference where they had hoped to hear a heartfelt welcome, sets before us an example of patriotism well calculated to drive away the clouds of despondency which sometimes hover over regions of comparative safety and ease. Driven from their own altars and shrines, they delight to present their offerings in the sanctuaries of their distant brethren, and our public records present a gratifying report of their liberal contributions to the cause of religion and patriotism. They do much for our Church and our country; what, then, ought we to do for them?

Let us now direct our attention to the interior of the state. Common experience pronounces the work of the ministry more difficult now than in times of peace. If there can be a stand-still in religious matters, then some congregations seem to be in that state; but even in reference to such it is rightly said that, considering the anxiety, fear, and various other adverse influences pervading our communities, they are prospering as fully as could be expected. "The Word of God has been blessed;" "the state of religion is encouraging;" "our members struggle on, looking

to God for help." These, and other declarations of like import, greet us from the various sections of the Church. Thus we see that our covenant-keeping God has been ever mindful of his people. But other words of cheer meet us. Zion's Church and the Church at Ebenezer, Ga., St. John's and St. Michael's in Lexington, St. Mark's in Edgefield, and Mount Lebanon in Orangeburg, all enjoyed refreshing showers of divine grace, resulting in the hopeful conversion of many souls, and in the addition of many to the Church. Our Sabbath-schools, with but few exceptions, are well attended, and enable us to look hopefully to the future. Some of the brethren inform us that they have had interesting catechetical classes in their churches. This time-honored practice well deserves to be more generally introduced throughout the bounds of our Synod.

While many of our members have been called to the tented field, the remnant, and especially the female portion of our congregations, have been stimulated to increased exertion. Many whom we were wont to greet in our sanctuaries have disappeared, but their vacant seats remind us that our Church is strongly represented in the ranks of our heroic army. It is mournful, truly, that war has deprived us of many of our most influential men; but if anything can reconcile us to their loss, it is the well-founded belief that "for them to die was gain." While many have gone forth to meet the foe, their friends left at home are untiring in providing for the comfort and restoration of the sick and wounded. The contributions passing through the hands of our ministerial brethren to the hospitals of our noble old city amount, in the aggregate, to upwards of thirty thousand dollars. The conduct of our members in general warrants us in saying that, where religion hallows the feelings of patriotism, it will impress upon it the image of immortality.

Before closing our report we would further add, that we see beautifully exemplified in our Church the practical effects of that faith which alone can justify us before us, and which works by love and purifies the heart, and which is the cornerstone of our Church and of all Protestant Christendom. We are sometimes asked why we see so much of good in other denominations around us? We answer, because Luther led the way to the fountain of all truth and blessing, and others have learned to follow him; and many do so, and drink deeply of the waters of salvation, without knowing or acknowledging their obligations to him. May the work of true religion continue to advance until its blessed influences are acknowledged and experienced throughout all the world, to the glory of the triune God!

C. F. BANSEMER,
D. M. BLACKWELDER.

The report of the Special Committee on the Sabbath was read by Rev W S. Bowman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

The Confederate States of America having established an independent government, are seeking to be recognized by the civilized world as a Christian nation. When our present efforts for independence and nationality were commenced, we set out in reliance upon the mercy and protection of God, and His aid and guidance was most solemnly invoked by our legislative bodies as well as our people. The Word of God was recognized by our highest authorities, by adopting its divine penalties as the basis of all our oaths of office. When prosperity and success has attended our national struggles, our Christian rulers have summoned us to national

thanksgiving to God, and when reverses and disasters came upon us we have professed to find our best support in humiliation and prayer.

But, in the face of these loud professions and high pretensions, our inconsistency and sinfulness as a people is becoming mournfully manifest in our violations of the Lord's day, and a growing indifference to the moral obligations binding us to its observance. In the civil department of our government thousands of persons are kept from their sanctuaries and altars every Sunday by the performance of labor that could be easily, and perhaps in some instances profitably, suspended. In our army the Sabbath is often chosen as a day for reviews, inspection of men and arms, regimental parades, etc., in open violation of God's law. In social and private life this day is often used as a day of social amusement, or for the transactions of minor matters of business. Few, indeed, "keep it holy" unto the Lord, in accordance with its spirit and design. Be it, therefore, unanimously

Resolved, That, in the name of the holy religion which we teach, and in the name of Him who said, "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," we most solemnly, formally, yet respectfully, protest against this common sin, whether committed by governments, armies, or private individuals.

Resolved, That the ministers composing this Synod be requested to preach upon this subject at least once during the present synodical year, and to use their utmost influence to counteract the growing indifference to the sanctity of the Sabbath, which is already assuming the magnitude of a national vice, stamping our Christian professions with hypocrisy, and dishonoring the God on whom we depend.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOWMAN,
Committee.

Received, adopted, and ordered for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read by their Secretary, received, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors, in presenting their usual report, have only to say that, in consequence of the deranged state of the country, they have been unable to have a meeting of the Directors during the past year. Some of the members have always been at their posts, but we regret to say that others have invariably been absent. We have at present but one theological student in attendance, who is prosecuting his studies and still laboring under an *ad interim* license. For further information, we refer you to the annexed report of the Theological Professor.

T. S. BOINEST,
Secretary of Board.

REPORT OF THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR.

Dear Brethren: Another year has rolled around. It is again my duty to report to you the condition of the Seminary during the past and the prospects for the ensuing year. The Rev. A. D. L. Moser was the only theological student in regular attendance, and is now pursuing his studies, with a view of their completion

at the close of the present year. Mr. J. A. Sligh was in the Seminary until he was called to the army, from which he was only relieved by teaching school. There has been no addition to the library. A few specimens to the cabinet of minerals have been handed in.

Ministors are needed in our Church, and there is no place to look for them but to the Seminary under your care. While the dark clouds of war are hanging over our political sky, no additions can possibly be made to the ranks of the ministry. The Church ought to be deeply engaged in praying for peace, and it becomes her to be earnest in her petition that the Lord would send forth laborers in His vineyard. I have no suggestions to make.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Widows' Fund Society be appended to the minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That Mr. J. A. Sligh receive from the funds of Synod the sum of four hundred dollars, for the term of nine months, in order to enable him to prosecute his theological studies.

Synod now adjourned, to meet at the time and place above specified, and was closed with an appropriate address and fervent prayer by Rev. Dr. Bachman.

THADDEUS S. BOINEST,

Secretary of Synod of South Carolina and adjacent states.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION

FRIDAY, *October 16, 1863.*

The Ministerium met at 12 o'clock, M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Bouknight.

The honorable dismission of Rev. A. R. Rude, formerly a member of the Synod of Virginia, was presented, and, on motion, he was unanimously received into connection with this Ministerium.

The sermons and journals of licentiates were called for, and referred to the following Committees:

Rev. W. Eichelberger's to Revs. Aldrich, Gilbert, and Bouknight.

Rev. B. Kreps' to Revs. Hawkins, Bailey, and J. N. Derrick.

Rev. A. D. L. Moser's to Revs. Margart, Mengert, and P. Derrick.

Rev. D. M. Blackwelder presented the application of Mr. J. A. Sligh to be licensed by this body. After a free and full discussion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, J. A. Sligh, a student of theology and a conscript in the Confederacy, is desirous of taking charge of a congregation before the completion of his studies; therefore,

Resolved, That the said J. A. Sligh receive a license, with the proviso that he continue his theological studies at the Seminary at Newberry until the whole course of studies be completed.

This action, however, is not to be considered a precedent, but done under the exigencies of the times.

The Ministerium adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lindler.

SECOND SESSION

MONDAY, October 19.

Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Margart.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and confirmed, whereupon Rev. Margart presented the report of the Committee on the sermon and journal of Rev. A. D. L. Moser. Received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the sermon and journal of Rev. A. D. L. Moser beg leave to report that they have discharged their duty. The sermon is on the subject of Repentance. It is well written, and evangelical in sentiment. The journal shows that our young brother has been diligent in discharging the duties of his office. Your Committee feel assured that Brother Moser will, by diligent application, become a useful and efficient minister.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. MARGART.

Rev J. H. Bailey read the following report of the Committee on the sermon and journal of Rev. B. Kreps, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the sermon and journal of Rev. B. Kreps would submit the following :

The sermon is a plain, practical discourse on *Rom. x, 1*. The divisions of the discourse are natural, the doctrine evangelical, and the whole sermon breathes a spirit of fervent piety, and an earnest desire for the salvation of souls.

The journal is a list of forty-four sermons preached during the year.

This brother having made marked improvement in the discharge of the duties required of a licentiate, we recommend that he be invited to a Colloquium, with a view to his ordination.

J. HAWKINS,
J. H. BAILEY,
J. N. DERRICK.

Rev. Aldrich, from the Committee to whom was referred the sermon and journal of Rev. W. Eichelberger, submitted their report. Read and adopted.

The Committee on the sermon and journal of Rev. Prof. W. Eichelberger would report that his sermon is scriptural in thought, logical in style, and eminently practical. The journal shows that, throughout the past year, he has been actively employed in his ministerial work. As this is the third year of this brother's licensure, we recommend that he be invited before the Ministerium, to be subjected to the

usual examination, with a view to his ordination at the present meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ALDRICH,
D. M. GILBERT,
S. BOUKNIGHT.

The report of the Special Committee appointed by the President, during the *interim* of the Ministerium, to investigate certain charges preferred against Rev. H. Stoudenmire, was read, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, By the Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent states, that the action of the Committee appointed to investigate the case of Rev. H. Stoudenmire, who, by his own confession, has been guilty of gross immoral conduct, he sustained, and that said Stoudenmire is hereby expelled from this Ministerium, and that this act of expulsion be published in our Church paper, and from all our pulpits.

The following action was taken in the case of Rev. F. Hickerson :

Whereas, it having come to the knowledge of this Ministerium that the Rev. F. Hickerson, late of Columbia county, Florida, has been charged and arraigned for improper conduct, before the Ministerium of Western Virginia; and whereas, said Hickerson had received an honorable dismissal from the said Ministerium of Western Virginia, and had become, and is still, a member of this Ministerium, we regard it unconstitutional for any other ecclesiastical body to arraign and try a minister in our connection; but that while we feel it our duty to protect the innocent, we are not disposed to screen the guilty: therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. Smeltzer be requested to obtain, from the President of the Ministerium of Western Virginia, a correct statement of the charge against the Rev. F. Hickerson, and all the testimony having reference to the same, to be laid before this body at their next meeting, for their investigation.

Resolved, That Rev. A. D. L. Moser's *ad interim* license be renewed.

Resolved, That Revs. W. Eichelberger and B. Kreps be invited to a Colloquium, with a view to ordination.

The Colloquium was conducted by several members of the Ministerium, and when the candidates retired, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. W. Eichelberger and Rev. B. Kreps be ordained tomorrow, at the close of divine service.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wertz.

THIRD SESSION

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. D. M. Gilbert. Minutes read and confirmed.

Resolved, That the license of Rev. S. Baily be renewed for one year.

The Ministerium having now completed its business, adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Austin.

THADDEUS S. BOINEST,
*Secretary of Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium
 of South Carolina and adjacent states*

MINUTES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SATURDAY, *October 17, 1863.*

The exercises were introduced by Rev. W S. Bowman; after which Rev. Prof. Schreckhise, by appointment, delivered the annual Missionary Sermon, from 1 *Peter*, iv, 10.

The President taking the chair and proceeding to business, appointed Messrs. R. G. Chisolm, H. C. Franck, G. A. Riser, and J. D. Sease to receive the individual, and Messrs. J. J. Dreher and W W. Houseal to receive congregational, contributions.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. P. L. Gallman, by Revs. Bowman, Gilhert, and Mr. Graman	\$20
Mrs. J. P. Aull, by Captain Aull.....	20
Mrs. Julia Aull, by J. L. Aull	20
Mrs. L. A. Berly, by Dr. Berly	20
Mrs. W. S. Bowman, by H. Gallman	20
Mr. J. N. Huffman	20
Mr. H. C. Franck.....	20
Mr. R. G. Chisolm, donation.....	100
	<hr/>
	\$240

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Dr. Bachman	\$5 00	Miss E. Counts	\$1 00
Rev. Prof. W Eichelberger.....	5 00	Miss J. Feagle.....	1 00
Mrs. Muller.....	5 00	Mrs. Perry	2 00
J. Haltiwanger	5 00	J. J. Dreher.....	2 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest	5 00	Captain J. N. Haigler.....	2 00
S. E. Helmly.....	5 00	Miss S. Dasher	2 00
Mrs. M. A. Kibler.....	5 00	W. H. Ropp	2 00
Mrs. L. C. Ruff	5 00	Wm. Summer.....	1 50
Captain W. K. Bachman.....	5 00	Jacob Barre.....	1 00
Mrs. E. Turnipseed	5 00	J. J. Eargle.....	1 00
George Evers.....	5 00	E. Cromer.....	1 00
Mrs. E. L. Aull	5 00	Rev. B. Kreps.....	1 00
Mrs. E. Sligh.....	5 00	Miss A. E. Aldrich.....	1 00
J. H. Graman	5 00	Rev. J. Moser	1 00
Mrs. R. G. Chisolm.....	5 00	A. Summer.....	1 00
Mrs. T. Kinard	4 00	Mrs. S. Wedaman.....	1 00
Mrs. Ann Gates.....	3 00	Mrs. J. Suber.....	1 00
Mrs. J. B. Counts.....	3 00	Miss E. Folk	1 00
Rev. J. N. Derrick.....	2 00	Miss C. Cromer.....	1 00
Rev. J. P. Margart.....	2 00	Miss C. D. Schirmer.....	1 00
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz.....	2 00	Miss L. Houseal	1 00

George Addy	\$2 00	Mrs. Laura Berly	\$1 00
Miss G. A. Roberts	2 00	Mrs. C. Folk	1 00
J. L. Cromer	2 50	Mrs. M. Haigler	1 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman	5 00	Mrs. E. E. Rikard	1 00
J. A. Hendrix	5 00	Mrs. J. L. Aull	1 00
Mrs. R. H. Bernhardt	10 00	Mrs. Nunamaker	1 00
Captain D. Nunamaker	5 00	Mrs. E. Sharroux	1 00
J. F. Schirmer	5 00	Mrs. E. F. J. Moser	1 00
L. Nease	10 00	Mrs. C. Berly	1 00
Mrs. T. A. Smith	5 00	Mrs. M. E. Hentz	1 00
Mrs. P. L. Gallman	5 00	Mrs. A. C. Folk	1 00
Mrs. E. Rikard	5 00	Mrs. J. Aull	1 00
Miss A. R. Kibler	5 00	Mrs. S. Abrams	1 00
A. F. Cromer	5 00	Miss Mat. Nunamaker	1 00
Miss C. L. Baehman	5 00	Cash	1 00
J. B. Counts	5 00	Miss Kinard	1 00
Mrs. T. S. Boinest	5 00	Miss E. Wertz	1 00
Mrs. M. M. Ridchuber	5 00	Mrs. M. Houek	1 00
G. A. Riser	3 00	S. P. Caughman	1 00
J. B. Kinard	2 00	W. R. Eargle	1 00
Mrs. S. Cannon	2 00	J. P. Kinard	1 00
Mrs. J. N. Derrick	2 00	Miss O. L. Wertz	1 00
Captain W. L. Litzy	2 50	Mrs. A. Kibler	1 00
Mrs. W. P. Cromer	2 00	Mrs. M. Caughman	1 00
Mrs. A. C. Riser	2 00	Mrs. S. A. Bailey	1 00
Mrs. K. Rikard	2 00	Mrs. A. E. Smeltzer	1 00
Rev. A. W. Lindler	2 00	Mrs. S. Smeltzer	1 00
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder	2 50	Master S. Smeltzer	1 00
Rev. J. A. Sligh	2 00	Master C. L. Smeltzer	1 00
Mrs. M. H. Boinest	2 00	Master J. B. Smeltzer	1 00
Miss A. V. Boinest	2 00	Miss H. E. Smeltzer	1 00
Mrs. Blackwelder	2 50	Rev. S. Bouknight	1 00
Mrs. L. Cromer	2 00	A. Cromer	1 00
Jacob Epting	1 00	E. Crout	1 00
Mrs. J. Epting	1 00	Mrs. C. Riser	50
Miss N. Epting	1 00	Miss E. Wedaman	1 00
McC. Epps	1 00	Rev. E. Caughman	1 00
Rev. J. Austin	1 00	Rev. J. P. Smeltzer	1 00
Rev. A. D. L. Moser	1 00	Rev. W. A. Houek	1 00
Miss C. Feagle	1 00	Rev. W. Berly	1 00
J. D. Sease	1 00	Mrs. L. Diekert	1 00
W. W. Houseal	1 00	Miss L. Kinard	1 00
Rinaldo Rahn	1 00	Miss E. Moore	1 00
Miss O. Rahn	1 00	Miss M. Wertz	1 00
Rev. N. Aldrich	1 00	Mrs. W. S. Bowman	1 00
N. Stroman	1 00	W. H. Diekert	1 00
Master J. B. Boinest	1 00	Miss M. Riser	1 00
Miss L. Riser	1 00	Mrs. L. C. Wertz	1 00
Miss M. Watts	1 00	Mrs. C. Caughman	1 00
Miss Fannie Wertz	1 00	Miss L. Bailey	1 00
Rev. J. D. Boozer	1 00	Rev. P. Derrick	1 00
Rev. J. Hawkins	1 00	Mrs. A. B. Derrick	1 00
Miss M. Counts	1 00	J. Wedaman	1 00
Lieutenant R. Gregory	1 00	J. N. Hendrix	1 00
Miss M. Houseal	1 00	Rev. W. S. Bowman	1 00
G. J. Ropp	1 00	Cash	2 00
Jacob Setzler	1 00	Miss M. A. Wedaman	1 00
Miss M. Cromer	1 00		
Miss Dora Ruff	1 00		
		Total annual contributions....	\$325 00

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Prof. Smeltzer's charge, Luther Chapel	\$35 00
Rev. W. Berly's charge,	29 50
Rev. P. Derrick's charge, St. Matthew's and Mount Lebanon.....	45 40
Rev. A. D. L. Moser's charge, Mount Zion.....	7 25
Revs. Austin and Hawkins' charges, Ebenezer, Georgia.....	56 50
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge, Mount Pleasant.....	8 30
Rev. J. B. Lowman's charge, Bethel	40 60
St. Peter's.....	32 55— 73 15
Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge, Morris street Chapel	85 50
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge, Trinity	32 00
Pine Grove.....	23 00— 55 00
Rev. S. Bouknight's charge, St. Mark's.....	33 00
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise's charge, Beth Eden	38 00
Rev. E. Caughman's charge, Good Hope	3 00
Nazareth	7 60— 10 60
Rev. D. M. Blackwelder's charge, St. Michael's.....	25 00
Rev. A. R. Rude's charge, Ebenezer Chapel, Columbia	25 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge, Bethlehem	30 00
St. John's.....	20 00
St. Luke's.....	20 00— 70 00
Rev. D. Sheely's charge	8 10
<hr/>	
Total congregational contributions.....	..\$605 30

RECAPITULATION.

Life members and donations.....	\$240 00
Annual contributions.....	325 00
Congregational contributions.....	605 30

\$1,170 30

The election for officers of the Society resulted in the re-election of all the officers of the previous year:

President—J. F. SCHIRMER.

Vice-Presidents—Revs. Dr. BACHMAN, W. S. BOWMAN, and Major J. P. KINARD.

Recording Secretary—Rev. T. S. BOINEST.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. D. M. BLACKWELDER.

Treasurer—Mr. J. J. DREHER.

Executive Committee—Revs. J. P. SMELTZER, J. M. SCHRECKHISE, T. S. BOINEST, Messrs. W. W. HOUSEAL, M. BARRE, J. P. KINARD, and J. J. DREHER.

The Executive Committee, through their Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society, the application for aid from Rev. W. S. Bowman, Missionary in Charleston, S. C., was received, and the following resolution was also passed:

Resolved, That \$300, the amount asked, be applied to the Missionary, Rev. W. S. Bowman, for the year ending October, 1863.

Application was also made by the Morris street Lutheran Church for aid during the coming year. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That \$500 be applied in sustaining the Missionary in the Morris street Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER,
Chairman.

Charleston, S. C.

A letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, giving an account of the condition of the Church in Florida, was now laid before the Society, and Luther Chapel was taken under the care of the Missionary Society, and referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, the Corresponding Secretary, proceeded to read his annual report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The last year has been one of special trial to our Missionaries and their struggling Missions. Difficulties have pressed thick, and have doubtless often given occasion to Paul's confession of weakness: "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Regular quarterly reports have been received from both of our Missionaries. Our Mission Church at Charleston has, for the last year, been, more than ever, an object of solicitude. It, together with our noble old city, are trembling on the scale. About the first of last April this Mission suffered a very heavy loss in the death of John J. Lafar, its founder, and the President of its Vestry. But this affliction has been sanctified to the good of the bereaved Church, in raising up others and qualifying them to take the place of the deceased. Many of its members have taken refuge in other parts, yet, in consequence of the comparatively crowded state of those portions of the city furthest from danger, the congregations assembling for worship are generally good. This Mission, financially and spiritually, is, for the present at least, quite encouraging. If Charleston continues to stand, then doubtless will this struggling Church not only stand, but prosper; while, on the other hand, if Charleston falls and burns, then all is lost.

In regard to our Columbia Mission in Florida, our reports are not so full and satisfactory as could be desired. It appears that our Missionary there, up to the time of his leaving to serve as chaplain in the army, labored zealously, and in a measure successfully. This Mission is composed of three stations, not too distant to be conveniently served, and enough accessible material to build up and fully establish our Lutheran Zion in this destitute region. The parochial reports of both our Missionaries will show results sufficient to secure further consideration and patronage.

Your Corresponding Secretary would recommend that the future quarterly re-

ports of our Missionaries be published in the Southern Lutheran for the information of the Church generally.

D. M. BLACKWELDER.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to address the Churches in Columbia county, and also Luther Chapel, Florida, to ascertain their necessities and desires.

A petition was presented from the congregation in Orangeburg, S. C., asking the assistance of this body in supplying their spiritual wants. Referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Rev. Prof. Schreckhise for his interesting discourse delivered this morning, and that a copy be requested for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

Messrs. H. C. Frank and R. G. Chisolm were appointed to audit the account current of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That we request the Synod to allow the minutes of this Society to be published in connection with theirs.

Rev A. R. Rude was appointed to preach the anniversary sermon in 1864, and Rev. W. S. Bowman his alternate.

The Society now adjourned to meet at 12, M., at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

T. S. BOINEST,

Recording Secretary of Missionary Society.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED
MINISTERS, ETC.

POMARIA, *October 20, 1863.*

No quorum of the Society was held to-day, but the following donations for the funds of the Society were received :

Sunday-school Society of Charleston	\$25
Mrs. J. Bachman	15
Captain W. K. Backman.....	15
R. G. Chisolm	10
H. C. Franck	5
W. Eichelberger	5
Jacob F. Schirmer	5
<hr/>	
Total	\$80

Dr. F. C. BLUM, Treasurer, in account with Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, etc. Cr.

1862.		1863.	
October	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$101 19	Deposited in Savings Institution
			Balance in hands of Treasurer.....
		\$101 19	
1863.	October 1..Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	19	\$ 101 19

ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

Bond of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, dated February 18, 1858; interest partly paid to October, 1861.....	\$625 00
Amount on deposit in Savings Institution.....	1,157 93
April and October dividends in Savings Institution not drawn, and now entered as principal.....	57 31
	<u>\$1,840 24</u>

